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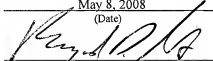
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**Mail Stop Amendment**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on January 8, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.